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1. This letter is in response to applicant's amendments of 9/8/98 and 9/17/98.
2. Claims 1-21 are allowed.
3. The amendment of 9/8/98 adding claim 21 as suggested by the Examiner, and corresponding to claim 1 of the Yamada et al patent, for the purpose of instituting interference therewith has been entered.
4. According to 37 C.F.R. 1.605(b) "When a suggested claim is timely presented, ex parte proceedings in the application will be stayed pending a determination of whether an interference will be declared."
5. Pursuant to the above noted rule, ex parte prosecution is stayed in this application as of the date of filing the suggested claim, i.e. 9/8/98.
6. Accordingly, the amendment filed 9/17/98 presenting claims 22-35 is not entered at this time. The amendment may be entered after termination of the interference, if declared.
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to V. Miska whose telephone number is (703) 308-3096.

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Primary Examiner